

## **Idaho Division**

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Reply To: HPR-ID

Ms. Pamela K. Lowe, Director Idaho Transportation Department P.O. Box 7129 Boise, ID 83707

Attention: Matthew Moore

RE: 2009 STIP Amendment # 14

Dear Ms. Lowe:

Your June 30, 2009 letter requested FHWA approval for the addition of the following project:

KN 11966, Wyoming Ave to SH-53 (Right of Way Acquisition Phase).

Because this is a highway project and is not within an area requiring air quality conformity determinations, FHWA has sole approval authority.

With respect to the details of the request, I find that:

- 1. The proposed change involves a project identified in ITD's current Horizons Program; therefore, no further public involvement is necessary.
- 2. The affected project is located outside of the State's air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas; therefore, Federal air quality conformity regulations do not apply.
- 3. The proposed amendments are based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and 23 CFR 450.

In consideration of the above, STIP Amendment # 14 is approved as requested.

Sincerely,

(original signed by

R. Scott Frey Transportation Engineer

E-Mail cc: Ned Conroy, FTA Region 10, Sonna Lynn Fernandez, ITD Planning

